

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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July 1, 2003

**FROM: CATHY CIMBALO, Director**  
**Department of Children's Services**

**SUBJECT: CONTRACTS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER PROGRAM  
(PRESLEY) SERVICES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve Contracts with the following agencies to provide Domestic Violence Shelter Program services, for a total amount not to exceed \$283,500, for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

Agency	Contract Amount	Contract Number
Desert Sanctuary, Inc.	\$40,500	
DOVES of Big Bear Valley, Inc.	\$40,500	
High Desert Domestic Violence, Inc.	\$40,500	
House of Ruth, Inc.	\$40,500	
Morongo Basin Unity Home, Inc.	\$40,500	
Option House, Inc.	\$40,500	
Victor Valley Domestic Violence, Inc.	\$40,500	
Total	\$283,500	

**BACKGROUND:** In 1980, Senate Bill 1246 established the Domestic Violence Shelter Program Fund, also known as Presley funds, which consist of fees from the sale of marriage licenses. These fees are distributed to counties to use for contracting with private non-profit agencies for services to victims of domestic violence.

In 1986, San Bernardino County developed a fair share format to equally distribute available funds to qualified domestic violence shelters. On March 25, 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved and authorized the release of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify domestic violence shelters qualified to provide these services.

The RFQ was advertised in various local newspapers and posted on the County's website and additionally, thirty-five non-profit agencies were solicited through direct mailings. A total of eight agencies responded to the RFQ. Staff from Human Services System (HSS) Administrative Support Division and Department of Children's Services (DCS) Administrative Resources Division reviewed the qualifications of each respondent. Of the eight agencies that responded, all are being recommended for contracts with the exception of First Nations Tribal Education and Resource Center, Inc. This agency did not meet the minimum requirements of being a domestic violence shelter.

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Approval of this item will allow DCS to award contracts to the agencies listed herein for a total amount not to exceed \$283,500 in order to provide victims of domestic violence a variety of services that include emergency housing, toll-free hotline, referral services and other supportive services. It is estimated that approximately 3,000 families will be served through shelters and direct services. Contractor performance will be measured by reviewing the required monthly reports and semi-annual site visits by County staff to monitor contract compliance, fiscal and program elements.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** These contracts have been reviewed and approved by HSS Contracts (Lori Ciabattini, Administrative Supervisor) on 06/10/2003 and County Counsel (Regina Coleman, Deputy County Counsel) on 06/12/2003. This item has also been reviewed by HSS Finance (Kris Letterman, Administrative Manager) on 06/17/2003 and by the County Administrative Office (Gary Morris, Administrative Analyst) on 06/17/2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** It is anticipated that marriage license fees will generate \$283,500 for the Domestic Violence Shelter Program Fund. Sufficient funding will be included in the Domestic Violence Budget Unit (AAA DVC) for FY 03/04. No local cost is required for this program.

**Cost Reduction Review:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval based on the facts that the proposed services are critical for the health, welfare and safety of victims of domestic violence in our County and that there is no local cost.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** All

**PRESENTER:** Cathy Cimbalo, Director, Department of Children's Services, (909) 388-0242

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